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HEALTH FACILITY IN HILLY AREAS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to lay down any special norms in health sector for hilly States as against the plains;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a): No.

(b): Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c): There are already different norms for opening health centres in plain areas and hilly areas. The health centres are opened on the following norms of population, case load/work load and distance:

Centre	Population Norms	
	Plain Area	Hilly/Tribal area
Sub-Centre	5000	3000
Primary Health Centre (PHC)	30,000	20,000
Community Health Centre (CHC)	1,20,000	80,000

Besides, the weightage on population while allocating the funds is 1.5 in the case of hilly states which effectively means that more funds are allocated to hill states.